

Please amend claim 16 as follows:

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16. (Twice Amended) A vacuum chamber for processing at least one workpiece, comprising at least two openings defining respective opening areas [for treating or handling said at least one workpiece thereat]; a transport device with a drive shaft for rotating said transport device around a rotational axis of said drive shaft; at least two conveyors [arranged at said transport device for the workpiece thereof, said transport device further comprising], and a transport arm for each conveyor [projecting from] operatively associated with said drive shaft[; said arms] and each being operatively coupled to one of said conveyors to move said conveyors independently of each other relative to said drive shaft, said transport arms having at least a radial movement component relative to said drive shaft rotational axis via encapsulated independent drives.

REMARKS

In view of the above, applicant believes that he has complied with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b)(2)(iii). In compliance with 37 CFR §1.121(b)(2)(ii), applicant would point out (in addition to the original changes made in claims 1 and 16) that the language defining the arms as having "at least a radial movement component relative to the drive shaft rotational axis via encapsulated, independent drives" as set forth in claims 1 and 16 above finds support at least at column 3, lines 13-22, with respect to Figure 3, column 5, lines 61-67 and column 6, lines 37-47. Please note that the same structural members are identified by the same reference numerals as set forth in the original disclosure.

Accordingly, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.